

HONORING MAYOR PATRICK
FUREY OF THE CITY OF TOR-
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HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Ms. WATERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Patrick Furey for his outstanding service over the past 40 years to the citizens of Torrance, which is partially in the 43rd Congressional District of California. Last night, the City Council of Torrance honored Patrick Furey upon his retirement after 8 years as Mayor.

Mr. Furey moved from Philadelphia to Los Angeles in 1973 after serving as a policeman in his hometown and as an infantry soldier in the United States Army. Always active in his community, while raising his family, Pat volunteered as a Boy Scout leader for more than 10 years and served as a Little League umpire for more than 1,000 games. He was the President of the Northwest Torrance Homeowners Association and often served as a spokesperson for the coalition of Torrance homeowners associations concerning issues impacting the entire city. Prior to his election to the City Council in 2008, Patrick Furey served Torrance as a civil service commissioner and a member of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee on Ethics and Integrity.

When California was reapportioned after the 2010 Census and much of Torrance was added to my District, then Councilman Furey and his wife Terry were the first Torrance residents to invite me to their home. We developed a strong friendship and have partnered on many projects together. Trained as a lawyer, Pat retired after a full career as a Principal Deputy County Counsel assigned to the Children's Services Division before being seated as Mayor in 2014. He had also served as a Training and Advice Counsel to the Department of Children & Family Services in Torrance for more than 3 years.

Pat Furey has always been concerned about young people. In addition to raising their own two children and nine grandchildren, Pat and Terry were founding members of the Torrance Education Foundation, and he served as its President for 4 terms. He was a member of every PTA in Torrance and a major supporter of public schools. He chaired the Torrance Unified School District's Personnel Commission and chaired the Community Planning and Design Committee.

Mayor Furey was also a huge advocate for Torrance businesses, from grocery stores to high tech industries. Always responding to community requests, he was a major booster of the Torrance Armed Forces Day activities and spent much time assisting the city's non-profit organizations. He was a hard-working, dedicated and popular mayor, constantly focused on every aspect of his city's operations. The region's residents know they were fortunate to have Mr. and Mrs. Furey serving in City Hall. Now that Mayor Furey has been termed out of office, he will be continuing his public service by returning to the Torrance Education Foundation.

I am proud to congratulate Pat Furey upon his retirement as Mayor and look forward to working with him on whatever his next endeavors may be.

PAMELA GOODWIN—HOMETOWN
HERO

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

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Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pamela Goodwin of Texas Congressional District 24 who has gone above and beyond to ensure women in North Texas and across the country have a better chance at breast cancer survival.

In 2019, Pamela was diagnosed with breast cancer. Displaying her courage and positive mindset, Pamela took this diagnosis and turned it into something truly positive.

After catching her cancer early through a 3D mammogram test, Pamela has made it her mission to ensure all women receive an annual, 3D mammogram so they too can catch this disease early and live to see another day.

In an effort to better raise awareness and money, Pamela hosted the first annual "Kiss Breast Cancer Goodbye" event last year at the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tennessee, headlined by the one and only Dolly Parton.

The inaugural event proved to be incredibly successful—raising much needed awareness and \$167,000 to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation. I thank Pamela for her inspiring fight to beat cancer and her incredible efforts to help women across the country.

HONORING DR. JULIETA GARCIA

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

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Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Julieta Garcia, who recently was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our Nation's highest civilian honor. Dr. Garcia was the first Mexican American woman to serve as a college president in the United States.

A native of Brownsville, Texas, Dr. Garcia received her Ph.D. in communication and linguistics from The University of Texas at Austin and her M.A. and B.A. in speech and English from the University of Houston. Dr. Garcia has devoted her life's work to bringing equitable education and opportunity to South Texas, leading the way for higher education innovation.

Dr. Garcia served as President of Texas Southmost College (TSC) from 1986 to 1991, where she successfully led a \$13.5 million general obligation bond election, the first in the history of the college. During her tenure at Texas Southmost, she led a successful campaign to raise \$1 million for scholarships in the poorest community in the United States, helping local students gain access to education.

She also spearheaded efforts to establish a program between Texas Southmost College and University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB), allowing students in the region to pursue doctoral degrees. Garcia became the president of this unique partnership from 1991 to 2013. Over the course of her leadership, the institution doubled the number of degree programs offered, doubled the number of full-time fac-

ulty, grew enrollment by two and a half times, and tripled the number of degrees conferred annually.

Dr. Garcia was named the 2009 Time Magazine Top 10 College President, 2014 Forbes Magazine Top 50 World Leader, and holds honorary degrees from the University of Notre Dame, Brown University, Smith College, and Princeton University. She also is the recipient of an ACE Lifetime Achievement Award and has been inducted in the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, Dr. Julieta Garcia is an incredible leader with an unwavering commitment to accessible education and her legacy will be remembered for generations to come. She has enriched the lives of many South Texas students, and I am proud to recognize her latest achievement today.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LACKAWANNA PUBLIC LIBRARY

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Lackawanna Public Library in Western New York. Located minutes away from Our Lady of Victory Basilica, Lackawanna City Hall, as well as the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, in many ways, the library serves as the heart of the City of Lackawanna. Attracting Western New York residents of all ages, the library hosts a variety of community activities including movie nights, book clubs, and computer classes.

The Lackawanna Library is rich in local and national history. Built in 1922, the building was one of the last libraries commissioned and funded by philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. The library stands on what was originally a potter's field, otherwise known as a burial place of unknown people, which the City of Lackawanna acknowledged in 1992 with a monument.

The first floor of the library houses a local history museum containing collections of photographs, maps, and artifacts from the Bethlehem Steel Company which was at one point the second largest producer of iron throughout the United States. The historical significance of the library itself can be seen in the building's architecture and beautiful oak woodwork.

In the library itself, dedicated employees and volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that those within the local community can gather and find enjoyment in the versatility of the library. For the past 100 years, staff and friends of the Lackawanna Library have sustained a focus on the enhancement of literacy, community, and historic preservation that benefits the entire community in Western New York.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize the Lackawanna Public Library here today and I'm pleased I was able to join in the centennial celebration on Sunday, July 10, 2022. The Centennial Celebration Committee planned a celebration for the entire community which included notable local writers, including author of the American Girl Series Connie Porter and Washington Post Columnist Margaret Sullivan, as well as the incomparable library staff to celebrate the distinguished legacy of the Lackawanna Public library.